FY 2009 Capital Budget TPS Report 49470

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage

Project Title:

Anchorage - Steller Secondary School Library Electrical and Data Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 100,000 House District: 25 - M

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This Capital Request would fund an upgrade of data and electrical infrastructure to support new technology at the Steller Library.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$100,000

<u>Funding Secured</u> <u>Other Pending Requests</u> <u>Anticipated Future Need</u>

Amount FY Amount FY Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project is an education and safety priority. This Capital Request would fund an upgrade of data and electrical infrastructure to support new technology at the Steller Library. If granted, this capital request will allow the Steller library to meet safety codes by upgrading electrical wiring, switches, fuses, and computer drops. This is important because it allows for a safe, healthy, education at a school that educates children from all over Anchorage.

Project Timeline:

If granted, this money would be used over the 2009-2010 school years.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

ASD

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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February 28, 2008 Karin Parker Principal Steller Secondary School 2508 Blueberry Rd. Anchorage, AK 99503 907-742-4950

Representative Mike Doogan Alaska Legislature State Capitol, Room 112 Juneau, AK 99801-1187

Dear Representative Doogan,

Re: Electrical Upgrades - Library - Steller

Thank you for your consideration of the projects submitted by Steller Secondary School for legislative review. We appreciate your interest in our school and our students, both of which are valuable assets to our community and state.

Steller is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and serves students in grades 7 through 12. As a small school, the funding for our library is the same as the funding for an elementary school. Over time, we have found that this level of funding does not keep our library stocked with the books or materials needed for a secondary school of 21st Century learners. To maximize the function of our small library, additional shelving, a new configuration for the check out desk and librarian's desk, and student workstations are needed. To allow for full functioning of the librarian's check out desk and computer workstations for students, electrical upgrades are needed.

These upgrades would allow for the reconfiguration of the library to make it more useful for students and to allow for better use of the space and a more functional area. In order to have the library meet code for an educational facility, upgrades in electrical wiring, switches, fuses, and computer drops will be required. These requirements are based on safety and meeting required electrical codes.

The school will continue to provide annual funds to the library to replenish books. In addition, we have solicited donations of specific books that our library needs from our parents and the community. We have sought surplused items from the ASD warehouse, but have found none to date that meet the needs of our school.

A breakdown of items in the capital request is listed below:

- Switches and computers drops
- Electrical upgrades to supply power and to include upgraded fuses (to meet code for an educational facility)

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is very important to the staff and our community that we continue the long standing tradition of academic excellence at Steller and the upgrades to our school library would contribute to the learning environment of our school as well as to the high expectations we set for our students. We appreciate your support of education and our school as a part of your community.

Sincerely,

Karin Parker

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